

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Applicant has elected the invention to be examined, thus providing a complete reply to the Office action of December 29, 2004, regarding this application.

Claims 1 through 9 and 11 remain in this application. Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 12 and 13 are newly added.

Moreover, claim 1 has been amended to recite in its preamble, that the apparatus is one for towing at least one bicycle. Support for this amendment is found in FIG. 1 and in the original claim 8. Further, the limitations that the cart is for "baby jogging" and has a seat have been canceled. These limitations are unduly limiting and not necessary to the invention. Still further, the connection between the towing arm and the bracket assembly is recited, this connection being shown in the drawings and in lines 9-11, page 7.

Claims 5, 6 and 7 have been amended to recite that the handle of the cart includes a hand grip and a rigid frame which terminates upwardly in spaced apart first and second frame members and that the distal ends of the hand grip are attached to the frame members in

such a way that, in use, the hand grip and frame members define an inverted, generally U-shaped structure for receiving the handle bar of the second bicycle when the handle bar of the second bicycle is attached to the handle with the second flexible strap. Moreover, as recited in claims 6 and 7 (currently amended), one end of the hand grip is removably attached to the first frame member, so that this end of the hand grip can be temporarily separated from the first frame member, thereby forming an opening through which the handle bar of the second bicycle can be passed prior to use. Support for these amendments of claims 5, 6 and 7 is found in the original claims 5, 6 and 7; in FIGS. 3, 4 and 5; and in lines 8 through 18, page 8.

Claims 8, 9, and 11 have been amended so as to distinctly point out what the applicant regards as the invention. Moreover, claim 11 (currently amended) recites the limitation that the slot defined by the holder is disposed generally parallel to the rotational axis of the vehicle wheels, as illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 6.

New claims 12 and 13 recite novel combinations which include a wheel carrier bracket attached to the cart for towing a third bicycle, the bracket holding the front wheel of the third bicycle in such a way that, during

towing, its front wheel is disposed generally at an acute angle to the longitudinal centerline of its frame and its rear wheel is free to wide on the road behind the cart. Support for claims 12 and 13 is found the original claims 8 and 11; in FIGS. 1, 3 and 6; and in lines 1-4, page 4, and lines 8-18, page 8. Claims 12 and 13 are directed to a novel apparatus for towing a cart behind a bicycle and, like claims 1-7, are classified in class 280, subclass 204 and should be entered.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A check in the amount of \$44 is enclosed to pay for the newly added fourth independent claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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